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RUSSIANS LIFT CRACOW SIEGE

Slavs Withdraw Army From Investment of Austrian Fortress and Flee Fifty Miles.

GALICIAN FORCES IN DANGER

Division of Czar Army Threatened By Victorious Troops of Dual Monarchy.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The investment by Russians of the Austrian fortress of Cracow again has been raised. Following a discovery of an attempt made by Austrians to divide the Russian forces in Galicia, the Russians retreated eastward for a distance of fifty miles.

The Russian forces, according to advices received from Galicia, succeeded in crossing the Biala river and in taking possession of a twenty-mile strip of territory south of Tachow, thereby separating the two Austrian armies. The forces of General Boehm-Ermold, the Austrian commander, are claimed by the Russians to be retreating precipitately and the western Austrian army is said to be badly crippled.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Today official statement says:

"In the western theater of war the enemy unsuccessfully renewed their attacks on Neupont supported by warships, which did no damage to us, but killed or wounded a few inhabitants of Westende. An attack on the hamlet of St. George failed.

"South of the Ypres we captured one of the enemy's trenches and some dozens of prisoners fell into our hands on this occasion.

"Several violent attacks by the enemy in the region of Arras were repelled.

"Southeast of Verdun, the enemy repeated his attacks, but they also were without success. A similar result occurred when he attempted to recapture the height to the west of Senheim for which we fought yesterday.

"There is no news from East Prussia or Poland. North of the Vistula, and on the left bank of the Vistula, our attacks are developing, notwithstanding unfavorable weather.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Today official statement follows: "In Belgium we have continued to advance. To the west of Lombardtyde we are actually at the foot of the sand dunes on which the enemy has established his line of resistance. At a point south of Ypres we have lost a section of trenches near Hellebeke.

"In the region of Tonn, near Gargency, the enemy yielded under our attacks 800 yards of his first line trenches.

"In the valley of the river Alsne and in the Champagne district there has been intermittent artillery fighting which was particularly severe in the vicinity of Rheims and around Perthes. Here the enemy directed their artillery fire especially against positions to the west of Perthes conquered and occupied by us.

"On the heights of the Meuse there has been slight progress by our troops along the entire front.

"In the Vosges, the enemy bombarded the railroad station at St. Die, but the railroad service has not been interrupted.

"In upper Alsace, to the northeast of

STOLEN FOR POOR.

New York, Dec. 28.—Fred Hoyt, choir singer in a Bowery mission, pleaded guilty to the theft of \$1,000 in jewelry from an apartment house today, but asked the court's clemency on the plea that he stole only to benefit the poor. He will be sentenced later.

Hoyt said he had stolen altogether about \$400, all of which he had given to the poor, except barely enough to pay his own board. He had not benefited beyond this by any of his thefts, he said.

The money was given out in small sums, according to his story, among the Bowery's homeless men, to enable them to get food and lodgings.

His methods of distributing it was to stand, after services at the doorway of the mission where he had sung and bestowed coins on the departing worshippers.

WEATHER CAUSE DELIVERY DELAY

Few Christmas Parcels Now Arriving But Postal Cards Expected by Thousands; Some Late Receipts.

The Oklahoma City Postoffice was still delivering delayed Christmas parcels today. This was because of the fact that there has been a continual run of bad weather which has delayed shipping and delivery and because a large amount of Christmas parcels post came in Saturday afternoon and too late to deliver until today.

Postmaster H. G. Eastman expressed the belief today however that little or no more Christmas stuff will arrive here after today. About the only holiday packages after that time will be New Year gifts and a few return gifts. The post card mail will be unusually heavy because of the large number of New Year's cards that will be sent.

Failure on the part of most of the people to comply with the city ordinance requiring all sidewalks to be cleared off after snow storms caused much inconvenience to mail carriers, and to Christmas shoppers and caused considerable loss of business the merchants otherwise would have secured. Apparently little effort was made to enforce the ordinance.

FIVE NAMES TO GO TO SENATE

Washington, Dec. 28.—The president expects to send the nominations of five members of the federal trade commission to the senate this week. Among men the president is understood to be considering are Joseph E. Davies, commissioner of corporations; Albert D. Norton, former Progressive candidate for governor of Missouri; Henry J. Waters, president of the Kansas State Agricultural college; George V. Peabody, New York banker; Governor West of Oregon, and Governor Hodges of Kansas.

OKLAHOMA PASTOR MOVES WITH FAMILY TO NEW YORK

Alva, Ok., Dec. 28.—After holding the pastorate of the German Lutheran church here for the last ten years, Rev. Henry Meiser has tendered his resignation and with his family will depart soon for Lockport, N. Y., where he will become pastor of the Lutheran church. They will visit relatives in Iowa before departing for the east.

Steinbach, a counter attack of the Germans was repulsed.

Legislation For the Betterment of Women on Farms Is Urged at a Local Congress Meeting

The matter of pushing legislation both state and national that will help women on the farm was the chief topic under consideration at a meeting of the executive board of the Oklahoma branch of the International Congress of Farm Women which is being held this afternoon at the Carnegie library in this city. The meeting was called by Mrs. Carl Williams of 525 West Eleventh street, who is chairman of the executive board and also the Oklahoma member for the western division of the executive board of the International Congress of Farm Women.

Among the prominent members of the organization who were present at the meeting today was Mrs. A. B. Crouch of Tuttle, president of the state organization. This is the first meeting of the Oklahoma executive board since the election of officers for the Oklahoma branch held during the meeting of the International Congress of Farm Women at Wichita in October.

The Oklahoma organization will urge upon the state legislature a liberal appropriation to carry out the work of co-operating with the terms of the Smith-Lever farm demonstration bill and will ask that a liberal provision of this appropriation be set aside for the betterment of the condition of women on the farms of Oklahoma.

The executive board this afternoon also took up the matter of giving its endorsement to the bill drawn by Mrs. Belle Harbert, president of the International Congress of Farm Women which will be introduced in congress during the present session. The bill provides for the creation of a separate bureau in the national government to handle all the work designed to help the women in the farm homes of the country.

At present this work is scattered through different departments and is not as effective as it would be if centralized under one bureau. A statewide campaign on behalf of farm women in Oklahoma will be carried on by the organization.

DATE FOR BIG FIGHT

Jess Willard and Jack Johnson Will Battle at Juarez, Mexico, on March Seventeenth.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The date of the heavyweight championship boxing contest between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard has been set for March 17 in Juarez, Mexico. It was announced by Willard's business representative today.

FOOTBALL BATTALION TO OFFSET ADVERSE CRITICISM

London, Dec. 28.—To offset criticism against professional football, which has been charged with hampering recruiting, authority has been granted for the formation of a battalion of athletes and football players, to be known as the 17th football battalion of the Middlesex regiment.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CURRENCY RESERVE BOARD IN SESSION



This is the first photograph of the Currency Reserve Board in session, and doing business. It is perhaps the most important body of the kind in the federal government, for it has control of all the national banks. The members shown here are as follows: William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury and ex-officio member of the board, on the extreme left; then John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency and also ex-officio a member; and around from left to right, Adolph C. Miller, Frederick C. Delano, Dr. H. Parker Willis, the secretary, W. F. G. Harding, Paul Warburg, and Charles S. Hamlin, the governor of the board.

OUT OF THE ASHES WILL RISE A GREATER MUSIC STORE SAYS FIRM'S HEAD

Secure in the belief that Oklahoma City is facing its greatest era of prosperity, J. W. Jenkins president of the J. W. Jenkins and Sons Music company of Kansas City who arrived here this morning to superintend the temporary arrangement for the re-establishment of headquarters of the Oklahoma City branch said that immediate steps will be taken for the reconstruction of the firm's building which was partially destroyed by fire yesterday.

The Weaver building at Main street and Harvey avenue has been secured as temporary quarters and the firm will be open and prepared for business Tuesday morning.

"I am confident that Oklahoma City is in a position to justify any move we may make," said Mr. Jenkins, "and our past successes in this city make me feel assured that an even greater business awaits our firm in the future."

"One thing that has been a great factor in the success of the J. W. Jenkins and Sons Music company and one that means much and will mean more in the future here is the fact that we have one price to all, in one hot of stores," said Mr. Jenkins. "All our thirteen branch houses have exactly the advantages to be offered our patrons that are given patrons at the main office, and our dealings in this and other cities where we have houses have been of such nature that we may safely count each of our patrons a friend."

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DATE IN DOUBT FOR FARE CASE

Judge Youmans Prepared to Hear Two-Cent Rate Suit But Commission Wants Time.

Trail of the Oklahoma 2-cent fare case will not be heard before January 15 and possibly not before the last of February or first of March. Through Attorney General West, Judge Youmans of Arkansas made known today that he was ready at any time to hear the case, which had originally been set for January 6. The matter was taken up with the corporation commission which is acting for the state, and it was said that the latter will not be prepared before January 15. The commission might prefer to postpone it until further, but it will be ready by that time if necessary.

J. M. Hill of Little Rock, who has handled similar cases for Missouri, Missouri and Arkansas, has been employed to conduct the trial of the Oklahoma case. He will be assisted by others from the attorney general's office. The corporation commission has considerable work yet to do in preparation for the trial of the 2-cent case.

I. S. Mayer, who has been auditor and statistician for the commission, has collected and compiled much of the data to be used in the case. He will sever his connection with the commission on February 1, when he departs for Louisville, Ky., to take a position with the electric light and gas company of that city. In the event of the case is postponed beyond the time of his departure he will return and assist. C. B. Bee, who is now rate expert for the Missouri commission, will also assist the commission. He was rate expert for the Oklahoma commission during the previous litigation of the 2-cent fare.

Protest Bites Decimating TURK MOUNTAIN ARMY

London, Dec. 28.—Turkish troops posted in the Lebanon Mountains, north of Palestine, are suffering severely from unusually hard winter weather, according to British advices from Cairo. Considerable numbers of the troops, which are poorly provided with clothing are said to have died from exposure and cases of frostbite have decimated the army.

Lebanon is being strongly occupied by the Turks, the number of troops in the province being estimated at 150,000. In Syria proper there are 80,000 troops. The Turkish officials are said to be endeavoring to secure alliance with various native tribes, but so far their efforts have been without much success.

EXPRESS REFUND ACTION DELAYED

Immediate Settlement of Controversy Between Corporation Commission and Carriers Not Expected.

No further action immediately is contemplated with the declaration of the corporation commission to accept the proposition of express companies for a settlement upon a basis for the refund of the difference between rates charged by the companies and the rates to be installed following an order of the interstate commerce commission.

The express companies made a proposition to the commission for a settlement of the entire litigation and also the refund on a basis that would have brought the refund up to about \$250,000, or \$300,000, it is said. This was not quite as much as claimed on the basis made by the commission and the latter has indicated its decision of the settlement on the basis. But what will be the next step is not given out. The whole matter is yet pending before the federal district court, and it is possible that the litigation will proceed to completion.

NO GREAT LOSS FOR OKLAHOMA

West Says Tax Stories From Muskogee Are Erroneous—Many Cases Pending.

Attorney General West said today that stories sent out of Muskogee that the state will lose about \$1,000,000 in taxes from the permanent injunction entered by Federal Judge Campbell in the Santa Fe railroad tax case is erroneous.

"The loss to the state in all the cases that result on this decision will not exceed \$30,000," said Attorney General West today. "All of the expenses of the year 1908 and 1909 have been paid through the issuance of warrants or refunding bond issue and the small amount involved therefore will not be seriously missed. The suits involved a part of the taxes of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908 and 1909, but the state won 90 per cent of its contentions in the cases and collected a large part of the taxes."

The Santa Fe and other railroads declared that there was no state tax levy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909. Other questions were involved. The cases were won in part by the railroads and in part by the state and went through the United States supreme court.

Cases involving the same questions are pending in the western district federal court set for hearing at the January term of the court at Guthrie, and similar action as that taken at Muskogee probably will be recorded at Guthrie as the Muskogee cases were considered a test suit. The Muskogee decision enjoins the collection of the tax as against the Santa Fe railroad company in Love, Murray, Garvin, Washington and Rogers counties.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy, unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday with probably light rain, somewhat colder.

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10 a. m.	39
11 a. m.	39
12 noon	40
1 p. m.	41
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3 a. m.	41

THINKS MEETING WILL BE LONGER

Former State Senator Says Legislature May Be Forced to Extend Session.

BETTER LAWS ARE NEEDED

Hasty Action of State Body Results in Needless Litigation; Capitol Situation.

There is little chance that the legislature will be able to complete its work within sixty days as now is being planned by some of the members, in the opinion of former State Senator A. E. Vandeventer of Bartlesville who was at the Hotel Kingkade this morning. Senator Vandeventer bases his opinion upon past experience of the legislature, having served in that body six terms since the admission of the state.

Senator Vandeventer believes that it is practically impossible to put well considered and finished legislation through the legislature as now constituted in sixty days time. "One trouble with Oklahoma is that we are suffering from hasty legislation which has caused duplication of laws and much needless litigation," said Senator Vandeventer.

An Impossibility.

"Even a board of county commissioners remains in session more than sixty days throughout an entire year. How then can we expect our legislators to make adequate laws for the entire state in the short period of sixty days. It is a mental and physical impossibility."

"Laws should be carefully wrought out and moulded into shape so as to make them as perfect as possible. I believe that the constitution should be amended so as to reduce the size of the senate to 25 members and the house to about 60 members. These members should be paid an annual salary of from \$1,000 to \$1,500 each.

"The limit should then be taken off of the length of sessions and the legislature should be permitted to remain at the capital until all needed laws were enacted and perfected. A law similar to this is in force in Illinois and the members are paid \$2,000 each.

"Most members of the legislature lose money serving their state so the salaries as now fixed and do not accomplish as much good as would be possible in a similar legislature with no time limit fixed."

On Capital Subject.

Senator Vandeventer said that if he was in the present legislature he would favor making Governor-elect Williams ex-officio chairman of the capital commission thus making him responsible for the capital building project. He would give the governor power also to remove for cause.

Senator Vandeventer was author of the law which passed the last legislature which requires all persons bidding on public contracts to send a copy of their bid to the office of the secretary of state. This has proven a valuable check on public contracts and will prove of value to the legislature any contract let during the past two years.

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS BEING TRAINED NEAR THE PYRAMIDS

Cairo, Egypt, via London, Dec. 28.—The Australian troops who are now arriving here in large numbers are to be given training quarters in a large encampment near the Pyramids.

One of the members of the latest Australian contingent is a cousin of Captain von Muller, commander of the German cruiser Emden.

U.S. Investigation of Oklahoma Oil Field Discrimination Charges Report Coming in Near Future

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—That immediately upon the organization of the new federal trade commission created by the last session of congress there will be available for its use not only a large amount of valuable data, but a cohesive and efficient body of employees trained in the specialized kind of work which the commission will of necessity carry on, is made evident by the annual report of the commissioner of corporations, Hon. Joseph E. Davies, made public today. This report reveals the bureau of corporations to be very busily engaged in the preparation of data for the new commission into which it is to be merged, and to be rapidly completing investigations on which it has been engaged, with the purpose of making the bureau force available at once for the work of the commission.

During the past few months, a general comprehensive survey has been made by the bureau of the whole industrial field, with a view to having immediately available to the commission, if needed, the general facts of the processes of manufacture, organization, and dominant financial control in any line of industry. This preliminary work has revealed that there are approximately 500 corporations, exclusive of those under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission, which have a capital stock of \$1,000,000 or over, and which are engaged in interstate commerce. In addition to many smaller corporations which will likewise come within the jurisdiction of this commission.

In the past year the bureau has been engaged in a number of extensive investigations, most of which were made at the direction of congress. Reports on the taxation of corporations, covering the tax movement of the United States in 1912, and the system of corporate taxation in force in the Mountain and Pacific states, were issued during the year. A report covering the conditions of production, wholesale distribution and prices in the lumber industry, as well as the results of a special investigation into the shingle and lumber industry of the State of Washington, was made public.

At present the full force of special agents, attorneys, statisticians and other employees are exerting every effort to complete the remaining work of the bureau before the organization of the trade commission. Final reports on the tobacco industry, on farm machinery associations, on state corporate taxation and on competitive conditions in the retail lumber trade, are to be issued in the immediate future.

Special reports of the fertilizer industry and on the investigation made under the resolution of the United States senate as to certain alleged discriminations in the Oklahoma oil fields are being rapidly brought into shape for publication. The investigation which the bureau has been making into the economic character and facts of the system of resale price maintenance is near an end.